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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/FI99/00192 which has an International filing date of March 15, 1999, which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 5: Line 1, change "any of the claims 1-4" to
 --claim 1--

Claim 7: Line 1, change "any of the claims 1-6" to
 --claim 1--

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